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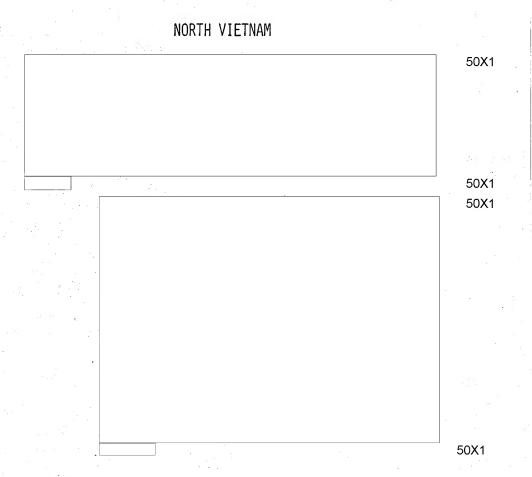
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Aeroflot has asked the Laotians for landing rights in Vientiane in their latest bid for new air routes in Southeast Asia. The Soviets want to use Vientiane as a stopover for onward flights to Hanoi and Phnom Penh. Moscow signed a new civil air agreement with Malaysia on 27 November and is currently negotiating landing right privileges with Thailand and Cambodia, as reported in The President's Daily Brief of 29 November.

The Laotians appear amenable to the Vientiane-Hanoi route but are reluctant to let the Soviets duplicate their profitable air route to Phnom Penh. If Laos concurs, Aeroflot could transport passengers, including Communist officials, between Vientiane and Hanoi, a route now served only by weekly flights of the International Control Commission.

BRAZIL

Today is the first-month anniversary of the death of dissident Communist leader Carlos Marighella.

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officials expect leftist extremists to mark the occasion with terrorist actions. Such acts might include the sabotage of vital public services, the assassination or kidnaping of important civil or military officials or their dependents, or the hijacking of another airliner.

The followers of Marighella who have warned that his death will be avenged by bloodshed may feel obliged to carry out some operation at this time to demonstrate that his loss has not crippled their operations.

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